



Ultimatebet.com Poker Classic invades Aruba again!

The catch phrase “They’re Back!” is well suited to the invasion of the Radisson Aruba Resort and Casino as poker fanatics fill the halls, pool deck and lobby, with conversations devoted to the nuances of playing winning “Texas Hold ‘em” poker.

The tournament and popularity of the game has grown exponentially over the years that it has been held in Aruba, and now welcomes nearly 600 players annually. Many have won their place in the tournament by playing online satellite games, and come with the hopes of taking home the grand prize of one million dollars and meeting their favorite poker stars. For the initiated, personalities such as Antonio “The Magician” Esfandiari, Annie Duke, Phil Helmsuth and last year’s winner, Freddy Deeks are household names, and television stars of the various tournaments. This year “Hollywood Dave” Stann, “The Bad Boy of Blackjack” is also in Aruba as the newest craze, Elimination Blackjack joins the tournament roster, and is filling the tables with enthusiasts of the game. He and other experts from Ultimatebet has been conducting seminars since this past Saturday and hope to make it to the finals on Friday September 29, which will be broadcast nationally in the United States on CBS.

Official play for the Ultimatebet Aruba Poker Classic will begin on Wednesday, September 27, and the final game played on Saturday, which will eventually air on GSN. On Sunday morning a panel of the Ultimatebet Team including the “big three” and Mark “Poker Ho” Kroon, Gary “Debo 34” Debanardi, Mark “Leggy” Fraud and Jim “KrazyKanuck” Worth answered questions and conducted Texas Hold’em workshops. This was hosted by John Vorhaus, who chronicles the entire tournament day by day on his Ultimatebet Blog. Interested parties can follow the blow-by-blow poker action online at www.ultimatebet.com.

The tournament officially opened with welcome festivities around the Radisson Pool where attendees were able to meet and mingle with their poker heroes, were greeted by UB co-founder Jack McClelland and danced to the rock and roll performance of one of the most famous names in the game, David “Devilfish” Uliott.

Aside from the championship tournament, there will nightly satellite games with opportunities for big wins in both Texas Hold ‘em and Elimination Blackjack. Rules for the games, schedules, and registration can be found on the ballroom level of the Radisson Resort throughout the day and evening.

Welcome back to the Ultimatebet Aruba Classic, and let the games begin!